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Colorado Farm to School Task Force Seeks Applicants

LAKEWOOD, Colo. – The number of Colorado schools and districts participating in farm to school activities has tripled over the past three years. With this increased interest in connecting schools with local products, the Colorado Farm to School Task Force is inviting interested individuals to join the group.

“The Task Force went through legislative changes this year, which increased the number of seats,” said Jeremy West, Greeley-Evans Weld County School District Nutrition Service Director and chair of the Task Force. “We are excited to reach out to people across the state and invite them to help the Task Force develop farm to school efforts in Colorado.”

Currently four of the 15 Task Force seats are open. The group is seeking applicants to represent the following positions: a foodservice director or manager at an institution of higher education, a K-12 principal or teacher, an agricultural producer and a higher education faculty or extension member. The application deadline is July 31, with successful candidates beginning their service on the Task Force at the fall quarterly meeting in September 2013.

The Task Force meets quarterly at locations across Colorado. In conjunction with the meetings, the Task Force hosts Intensive Technical Assistance sessions to help communities identify opportunities and challenges facing schools and producers.

The Colorado Farm to School Task Force, created in 2010 by the Colorado General Assembly, is charged with increasing the use of local farm and ranch products in school foodservice programs to improve child nutrition and strengthen local and regional agricultural economies. The Task Force's 15-member body is comprised of representatives from schools, parents, producer organizations and state agencies.

Visit www.coloradofarmtoschool.org for information regarding Task Force member duties, time commitments and to apply.

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